



Eastwood Newsletter



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SEPTEMBER EVENT EASTWOOD STABLEFORD 3 OF 4

Date: Sunday, September 5th, 8:30am Shotgun

The September event will be a 4-person Stableford point team game using 3 of the 4 scores to determine your total points. Please check in upstairs for your tee assignment and announcements, and downstairs with the pro shop regarding your playing privilege (greens fees).

Each player in the group plays his own ball. After the hole is completed, write your team gross (actual) score in the proper column. Subtract the handicap strokes (designated by dots) you are given to get your net score.

The Stableford point values are as follows:

Net Double Bogey	-3 points	Net Birdie	5 points
Net Bogey	0 point	Net Eagle	8 points
Net Par	2 points	Net Double Eagle	10 points

Add together the best 3 of 4 point totals and write the total below on the scorecard.

This is a food event. Stick around for lunch after your round.

****Stableford Team Betting Available Before Shot-gun Start.**

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Eastwood Driving Range

Open daily from Dawn to Dusk

“Never try to keep more than 300 separate thoughts in your mind during your swing..”

From the Club President

September is here already. Seems like we just started the golf season. Congratulations to all the winners in the Club Championship. It was disappointing that we could only battle for one day due to the weather, but I was not informed that I was in charge of the weather until it was too late. Thanks to Mr. Minske and his staff for getting the course in a playable state. September will be a great month of golf at Eastwood with the Pig Open, the Eastwood Classic, and the Clash at the Woods (our version of the Ryder Cup, only with less out-of-state golfers). Hope you can make time in your busy fall schedule for these events. See you on the course.

Jeff Ehrhart



2nd Annual Eastwood Classic

Two Man Best Ball

Saturday September 11th

Three Flights

0.0 to 6.9 Championship Flight

7.0 to 14.9 First Flight

15.0 and above Second Flight

Flight is based on the lowest USGA handicap of the two players

Entry fee is \$25 per player

Call the proshop for sign ups

Letter from our Club Professional

Dear Men's Club Members

First of all I would like to congratulate Steve Hjortness, our 2010 Eastwood Men's Club Champion. I would also like to congratulate the winners of each of the other flights. We had a record turnout for the club championship even with the Saturday rain-out. Thanks to all who participated in making this a great event. I would like to especially thank Ryan Bakken, Jake Dewitz, and Jeff Minske for all of their hard work in making the Club Championship a successful event.

As we move towards the fall there are a lot of exciting events on the table. This edition of the newsletter will be produced after the All-City, so I hope that all who participated played well. We were very proud to be able to host the first round of the championship. Other great events on the schedule:

- September 5th – Men's Club Sunday event
- Duel at the Jewel – September 10
- Eastwood Classic 2-Man Best Ball – September 11
- Couples Golf – September 11
- Men's Club Final Sunday event – October 3
- Clash at the Wood IV (Eastwood's version of the Ryder Cup) – October 10
- Men's Club Shootout – October 16

So as you can see there are a lot of upcoming events. Be sure to look for more info and sign-ups to come.

I would like to thank all of you who have supported Ryan and Jake in their efforts toward entry into the 2010 Minnesota State Assistant's Championship on September 27th at White Bear Yacht Club. If you have not purchased any raffle tickets yet, your support would be greatly appreciated. All the money collected goes towards their \$350 entry fee. You can obtain raffle tickets at the Eastwood pro shop. Thanks again for your help!

Good luck in all of the upcoming events and enjoy fall golf!

Your P.G.A. Professional

Jeff Gorman

SEPTEMBER SALE:

**September 7th: Fall
Golf Sale
All Demo Clubs
40%-60% OFF**

Golf Membership Sale:

Buy a 2011 membership
before October 15 and
play the balance of
2010 for free!

**Reminder:
All Pro Shop
Credit must
be used by
November
15th.**

*A special thanks to
Larry Mortensen
for donating the
Eastwood Flag. It
looks great.
Thanks Mort!*

Letter from our Assistant Professional

From the desk of Ryan Bakken

Welcome to fall golf! I don't know about you guys, but the cooler temps and changing of the leaves brings a welcome reprieve from the summer heat for me. The fall is my favorite time to play golf, and we have a lot of exciting upcoming events to look forward to.

Congratulations to all the winners in the Club Championship! It was quite unfortunate that we had to shorten the tournament to 18 holes. However, I was on the golf course Friday night after the rain and it was very damaged from the storm. Luckily our golf course takes rain very well and the course was in pretty good shape on Sunday. Congratulations as well to Dave Nelson, who won the Putting Contest on Saturday night, defeating Steve Swanson in extra holes.

The anticipation for the 2010 Ryder Cup is increasing. The U. S. squad will take on the Europeans on October 1-3 at Celtic Manor Resort in Wales. This course was built specifically for the Ryder Cup, so it should be entertaining to watch. Hopefully Tiger can recapture his game by then and lead a young American squad.

Although it may not receive quite the same fanfare, Eastwood's version of the Ryder Cup is still a prestigious event. The Clash at the Wood IV will be held on Sunday, October 10. For those of you who are unfamiliar, the Clash at the Wood is a Ryder Cup style event held between two opposing teams of men's club members. Mr. Dewitz and I will captain the two squads. The format is 27 holes of match play – 9 holes alternate shot, 9 holes best ball, and 9 holes individual match play. The team with the most points at the end of the day takes home the title, and more importantly...bragging rights. The event is kicked off on Saturday, October 9th with a dinner and ceremony at Eastwood. No word yet on when the Golf Channel will begin its coverage.

With only a couple mini events and two Sunday events remaining, the Shootout is nearing. The standings below show the top 12. The top 10 in total earnings will advance to the Shootout. The bottom Shootout will consist of the bottom 10 money earners who competed in at least 10 events. Good luck!

Shootout Standings (Thru August 24)

<u>Player</u>	<u>Earnings</u>	<u>Events Attended</u>
Krolak, Dave	\$105.00	14
Willert, Gaylan	\$103.00	17
Zais, Dan	\$92.00	14
Legrand, Ray	\$92.00	17
Fritcher, Ron	\$91.00	13
King, Greg	\$89.50	14
Sameni, Ali	\$88.00	13
Cowden, Gayle	\$84.00	11
Johnson, Randy	\$79.00	12
Webster, Dan	\$75.00	13
Hjortness, Steve	\$74.00	5
Warne, Mark	\$69.50	4

Cheers,

Assistant Golf Professional
Ryan Bakken

Evolution of the Game

by Red Ruffensore

Ruffensore, the sociologist, has been thinking about how golf has become the grand arena that it is today, 2010. Every golfer, it seems, is a millionaire. Most have achieved a high level of hero worship. Names all too familiar and common that would fill this page if I listed them. But you know who they are and you know what I mean. But it wasn't always that way in golf...

I know most of you can remember the celebration when Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus eventually exceeded \$1,000,000 in career earnings in the 1960's. Today golfers make \$1,000,000 or more in a single prestigious event. Never mind the lucrative endorsements. Think back 20 or 30 or 40 years earlier when professional golfers were gypsies, in the full sense of the word. They roamed from location to location and their character was always scrutinized. The greatest golfer of that era, Bobby Jones, maintained his amateur status because his law practice was far more lucrative than the purses offered at golf tournaments.

Before that? Golf professionals plied their trade in the club house, where they could earn a regular income. Few could manage on the small prizes, so they maintained their businesses by building and repairing golf clubs, teaching the wealthy and managing the private clubs in order to make ends meet.

Earlier yet, golf was a game played only in Scotland and only by aristocrats and shepherds, clansmen who had plenty of spare time to waste knocking a small rock around the bonnie windswept coastal dunes.

How, you ask, have we gotten from rocks in a pasture to a level today comparable with the ancient Roman circuses? Fortunately for you, dear reader, Ruffensore's 14-years in college earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology has not gone to waste. The key to the evolution of golf is "time". Golf takes time. Today, on a good day, it takes four hours to play and more time in the club house afterwards bragging. In the 16th and 17th centuries, Scotland was an agricultural society that was ruled in various ways by multiple levels of aristocracy. It was work for most, from sun up to sun set. The concept of leisure was unheard of. Who had four or five hours in any given day for mindless pastime? Only aristocrats and shepherds. But then came...

The INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION in the 18th and 19th centuries. Machines were more productive than human workers because they needed no rest and could produce products faster and, in many cases, better than humans. People came in from the farms to work at factory jobs. They took days off, first the Sabbath and then two day weekends. Eventually they earned paid vacations and afternoons off. The tired masses found themselves with leisure time to enjoy any number of activities and hobbies. As more of us found extra time, more of us turned to golf. It evolved from a game of the wealthy playing at their private clubs to a game more affordable to the bourgeoisie and middle classes. Demand generated new municipal golf courses and then privately owned public courses.

As time has moved forward, we find ourselves today with more leisure time than any generation before us. Golf has captured the spirit and imagination of more people than ever. More people, more money. More money, more heroes. Golf is the new Circus, and our sports heroes are the modern Gladiators. Ruffensore has more leisure time than anyone and can't play the game any longer. But I still enjoy golf as seen from under the table in the Eastwood Grill, peering through an amber glass of Ruffensore Red Ale.

Red Ruffensore

MPGA State Public Links Championship

The MPGA State Public Links Championship was held August 21-22, 2010 at the Jewel in Lake City. The Jewel played to a par 70, 6869 yards on Saturday and par 71, 6815 yards on Sunday. There was some great score posted as well as high scores that players haven't seen for a while.

Eastwood had a great turnout with six players competing this year with hopes of shooting low scores and a chance to win the Calsen Cup, which is the combined scores of three players over two days.

Maybe there is next year.

Good shooting guys and thanks for supporting public golf.

Mark Dripps
MPGA Vice President

Results can be found at this website:

http://p.hostingprod.com/@mpga.net/2010_Publinks_Gross_Board.pdf

MPGA

MINNESOTA PUBLIC GOLF ASSOCIATION

2010 MPGA Championship Schedule

• Combination • September 18 & 19 • Bunker Hills

Applications available at www.mpga.net